



President Joe Biden is escorted by Col. Matthew Jones, Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, as he walks to board Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

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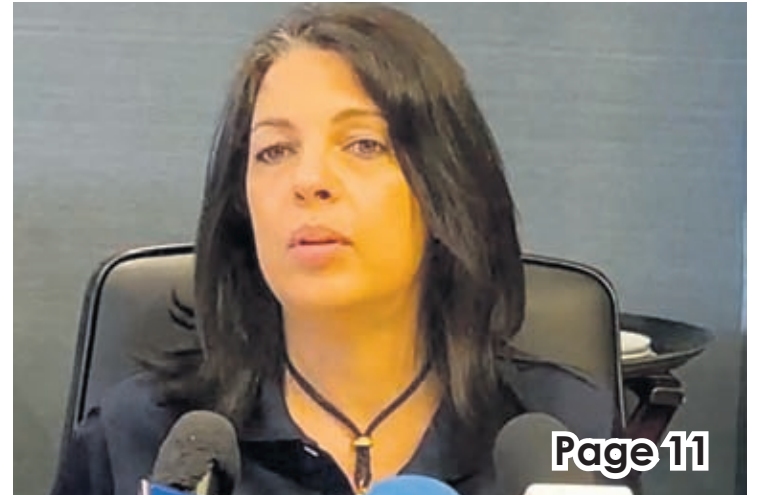
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Joe Biden's warning that the world is at risk of a nuclear "Armageddon" was designed to send an unvarnished message that no one should underestimate the extraordinary danger if Russia deploys tactical nuclear weapons in its war against Ukraine, administration officials said Friday. The president's grim assessment, delivered during a Democratic fundraiser on Thursday night,

rippled around the globe and appeared to edge beyond the boundaries of current U.S. intelligence assessments. U.S. security officials continue to say they have no evidence that Vladimir Putin has imminent plans for a nuclear strike. Biden veered into talk about Ukraine at the end of his standard fundraising remarks, saying that Putin was "not joking when he talks about the use of tactical nuclear weapons or biological or chemical weapons."

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"We have not faced the prospect of Armageddon since Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis," he added. He suggested the threat from Putin is real "because his military is — you might say — significantly underperforming."

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Friday did not directly respond to a question about whether Biden had gone into the event intending to invoke Armageddon, as the White House sought to clarify the president's off-the-cuff comments.

She told reporters: "Russia's talk of using nuclear weapons is irresponsible and there's no way to use them without unintended consequences. It cannot happen." She added that "if the Cuban missile crisis has taught us anything, it is the value of reducing nuclear risk and not brandishing it." Biden's national security team for months has warned that Russia could use weapons of mass destruction in Ukraine as it has faced a series of strategic setbacks on the battlefield. But the president's remarks were the starkest warnings yet by the U.S. government about the nuclear stakes. One U.S. official said Biden was also trying to warn against underestimating the danger any level of tactical nuclear weapons. There's some concern in



A U.S. Army officer military aide carries the nuclear launch codes known as the "football," as he follows President Joe Biden into the White House after arriving on Marine One, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, in Washington. Biden is returning from New York and New Jersey.

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the administration that Russia has determined it can use its nuclear arsenal in a manner short of a "full-blown" nuclear attack on Ukraine and face only limited reaction from U.S. and Western allies who are determined to keep the Ukraine conflict from turning into a broader war, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss administration thinking. Putin has repeatedly alluded to using his country's vast nuclear arsenal, including last month when he announced plans to conscript Russian men to serve in Ukraine.

"I want to remind you that our country also has various means of destruction ... and when the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, to protect Russia and our people, we will certainly use all the means at our disposal," Putin said. "It's not a bluff." In Europe, leaders sought to turn down the volume after Biden's stark warning. Asked about Biden's remarks, French President Emmanuel Macron said it was crucial to speak with care on the nuclear threat. "I have always refused to engage in political fiction, and especially ... when speaking of nuclear weap-

ons," Macron said at a EU summit in Prague. "On this issue, we must be very careful." European Council President Charles Michel told reporters that leaders take "every escalation very seriously." "Threats will not intimidate us," Michel said. "Instead, we are going to remain calm. We are going to keep cool heads and we will, each time, denounce the irresponsible character of these threats." Jean-Pierre reiterated on Friday the U.S. has "not seen any reason to adjust our own strategic nuclear posture nor do we have in-

dications that Russia is preparing to imminently use nuclear weapons."

It's not the first time that Biden's comments have appeared to push against the margins of U.S. policy.

Last month, Biden, in a CBS "60 Minutes" interview, said that "U.S. forces, U.S. men and women, would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion."

The White House said after the interview that U.S. policy toward Taiwan hasn't changed. That policy says Washington wants to see Taiwan's status resolved peacefully but doesn't say whether U.S. forces might be sent in response to a Chinese attack.

In March, as he wrapped up a speech in Warsaw, Biden seemed to call for the ouster of Putin, saying, "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power." Before Biden could even board Air Force One to begin the flight back to Washington, aides were scrambling to clarify that he wasn't calling for an immediate change in government in Moscow.

Earlier that month, Biden called Putin a "war criminal" for the Russian onslaught in Ukraine before the White House walked back the comments. The White House had been avoiding applying the "war criminal" label to Putin, because it requires investigation and an international determination. □



A U.S. Postal Service employee works outside a post office in Wheeling, Ill., Dec. 3, 2021.

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By **DAVID SHARP** and **MATTHEW DALY**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A federal judge has set limits on one of the U.S. Post-

## Federal judge faults Postmaster General DeJoy in mail delays

al Service's cost-cutting practices that contributed to a worrisome slowdown of mail deliveries ahead of the 2020 presidential election. U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan concluded that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's actions delayed mail deliveries and that he acted without obtaining an advisory opinion from the Postal Regulatory Commission. DeJoy restricted overtime payments for postal work-

ers and stopped the agency's longtime practice of allowing late and extra truck deliveries in the summer of 2020. The moves reduced costs but meant some mail was left behind to be delivered the following day. Those delays and the removal of many mail-sorting machines were among actions that led New York and several other states to sue — claiming the actions amounted to voter sup-

pression. DeJoy, a longtime Republican donor and political ally of former President Donald Trump, eventually halted some of his operational changes "to avoid even the appearance of impact on election mail."

New York Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat who is running for re-election, said Friday that the Postal Service actions "made a mockery of the right to vote." □



# Biden pardons thousands for 'simple possession' of marijuana

By ZEKE MILLER and CHRIS MEGERIAN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Joe Biden is pardoning thousands of Americans convicted of "simple possession" of marijuana under federal law, as his administration takes a dramatic step toward decriminalizing the drug and addressing charging practices that disproportionately impact people of color.

Biden's move also covers thousands convicted of the crime in the District of Columbia. He is also calling on governors to issue similar pardons for those convicted of state marijuana offenses, which reflect the vast majority of marijuana possession cases. Biden, in a statement, said the move reflects his position that "no one should be in jail just for using or possessing marijuana." "Too many lives have been upended because of our failed approach to marijuana," he added. "It's time that we right these wrongs." According to the White House, no one is currently in federal prison solely for "simple possession" of the drug, but the pardon could help thousands overcome obstacles to renting a home or finding a job. "There are thousands of people who have prior Federal convictions for



A demonstrator waves a flag with marijuana leaves depicted on it during a protest calling for the legalization of marijuana, outside of the White House on April 2, 2016, in Washington.

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marijuana possession, who may be denied employment, housing, or educational opportunities as a result," he said. "My action will help relieve the collateral consequences arising from these convictions."

The pardon does not cover convictions for possession of other drugs, or for charges relating to producing or possessing marijuana with an intent to distribute. Biden is also not pardoning non-citizens who were in the U.S. without legal status at the time of their arrest.

The announcement marks Biden's reckoning with the

impact of 1994 crime legislation, which he supported, that increased arrest and incarceration rates for drug crimes, particularly for Black and Latino people.

The Department of Justice is working to devise a process for those covered by Biden's pardon to receive a certificate of pardon, which they can show to potential employers and others as needed. "The Justice Department will expeditiously administer the President's proclamation, which pardons individuals who engaged in simple possession of marijuana, restoring

political, civil, and other rights to those convicted of that offense," the department said in a statement. "In coming days, the Office of the Pardon Attorney will begin implementing a process to provide impacted individuals with certificates of pardon." Biden is also directing the secretary of Health and Human Services and the U.S. attorney general to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law. Rescheduling the drug would reduce or potentially eliminate criminal penalties for possession. Marijuana is currently clas-

sified as a Schedule I drug, alongside heroin and LSD, but ahead of fentanyl and methamphetamine. The White House did not set a timeline for the review.

But Biden said he believes that as the federal government and many states ease marijuana laws, they should maintain limitations on trafficking, marketing and underage sales.

The move by Biden puts the federal government on course with other big cities like New York that have been moving toward decriminalizing low-level marijuana arrests for years. But there's a big divide in the nation as some police departments still believe the drug leads to more serious crime and ignoring low-level offenses emboldens criminals. Advocacy groups praised Biden's announcement, with Cassandra Frederique, the executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, saying the organization was "thrilled."

"This is incredibly long overdue," said Frederique. "There is no reason that people should be saddled with a criminal record — preventing them from obtaining employment, housing, and countless other opportunities — for something that is already legal in 19 states and D.C. and decriminalized in 31 states." □

## Supreme Court's new 'class photo' includes number of firsts

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The group photo of the Supreme Court's nine members is a long-standing ritual. But it has never looked quite like the one taken on Friday.

The new image includes Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black female justice, who joined the court in June. With her addition, the court marks a number of firsts. It's the first time white men don't hold a majority on the court and the first time four women have served together. It's also the first time the court has had

two Black justices.

Jackson participated in her first arguments this week because the justices began their summer break when she joined the court. Friday's formal photo captured by news photographers is sometimes called the group's "class photo." In it, the justices are positioned in front of a red curtain, similar to their courtroom's red drapes. Five of the justices are seated in their black robes with Chief Justice John Roberts in the center. The four remaining justices stand behind them. The justices

sit in order of seniority with the longest-serving justice, Justice Clarence Thomas, sitting on Roberts' right. Jackson is standing at the far right.

Because no cameras are allowed in the courtroom when the justices hear arguments, the class photo is one of the few times the group is photographed together. The justices also were photographed together at Jackson's ceremonial investiture last week. A new class photo generally won't be taken until another justice joins the court. □



Members of the Supreme Court sit for a new group portrait following the addition of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, at the Supreme Court building in Washington, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022. Bottom row, from left, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, Associate Justice Samuel Alito, and Associate Justice Elena Kagan. Top row, from left, Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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# North Dakota tribes want exclusive rights on online gambling

By JAMES MacPHERSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) —

North Dakota's five American Indian tribes are seeking exclusive rights to host internet gambling and sports betting in the state, a monopoly worth millions, just a year after legislators turned aside a push by one big national player to allow it in the state.

The tribes are turning to Republican Gov. Doug Burgum to approve the idea under tribal-state agreements known as compacts, the first of which was signed in 1992. The current compacts expire at the end of this year and only Burgum can approve them, said Deb McDaniel, North Dakota's top gambling regulator.

The tribes argue their casinos have been hurt by the explosion of electronic pull tab machines statewide after they were legalized in 2017, with North Dakotans pouring almost \$1.75 billion into the machines in fiscal 2022. Their proposal, obtained by The Associated Press, is still in draft form. A public hearing on a final proposal is set for Oct. 21, McDaniel said.



Gov. Doug Burgum meets with state agency leaders in the state capitol to present his executive budget guidelines for 2023-2025 Thursday, May 5, 2022 in Bismarck, N.D.

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DraftKings, a big player in the U.S. mobile gambling market, supported legislation last year to allow sports betting in North Dakota to join about two dozen other states.

The company said at the time that sports wagering already is taking place in North Dakota, with an estimated 138,000 people betting more than \$355 million

in illegal offshore markets annually each year.

Americans have bet more than \$125 billion on sports with legal gambling outlets in the four years since the U.S. Supreme Court's 2018 decision that lifted a federal ban on sports gambling, clearing the way for all 50 states to offer it.

In the fifth year of legal sports betting, the action is speeding up due to micro-

betting, the ability to place a bet on an outcome as narrowly targeted as the result of the next pitch in baseball or the next play in football.

It's unclear what the financial benefits would be to the tribes — or the state — under the proposal, or how it would be regulated and taxed.

Burgum spokesperson Mike Nowatzki said the gover-

nor would not comment because negotiations are ongoing.

The proposal comes as Burgum has worked to improve state-tribal relations that have been especially strained since he took office in 2016 in the midst of prolonged protests and hundreds of arrests during the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline that passes beneath the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The tribe draws its water from the Missouri and fears pollution.

Burgum in 2017 signed legislation that approved the electronic pull tab machines, despite opposition from tribes that warned the Las Vegas-style games would lure gamblers away from the state's tribal-owned casinos.

Allowing the tribes to host internet gambling and take off-reservation bets would help improve relations and offset losses tribes have suffered from e-tabs, said Cynthia Monteau, a lawyer and executive director of the United Tribes Gaming Association, which consists of leaders from each of the state's five tribes. □

# Mayor declares state of emergency for NYC over migrants

By DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press

New York City's mayor declared a state of emergency on Friday over the thousands of migrants being sent from southern border states since the spring, saying the demand being put on the city to provide housing and other assistance is "not sustainable."

"A city recovering from an ongoing global pandemic is being overwhelmed by a humanitarian crisis made by human hands," Mayor Eric Adams said. "We are at the edge of the precipice. ... We need help. And we need it now."

By the end of its fiscal year, Adams said the city expected to spend \$1 billion helping the new arrivals, many of whom are heavily reliant on government aid

because federal law prohibits them from working in the U.S.

The administration did not specify what costs are being included in that

amount.

Adams, a Democrat, said the new arrivals are welcome in the city. And he spoke with pride of New York City's history as a land-

ing spot for new immigrants. "New Yorkers have always looked out for our immigrant brothers and sisters. We see ourselves in them. We see our ancestors in them," he said.

But, he said, "though our compassion is limitless, our resources are not."

New York City's already strained shelter system has been under even greater pressure for much of this year because of the unexpected increase of those needing help.

Between five and six buses of migrants are arriving per day, Adams said, with nine on Thursday alone. Many of those buses have been chartered and paid for by Republican officials in Texas and Arizona who have sought to put pressure on the Biden administration to

change border policies by sending migrants to Democratic-leaning cities and states in the north.

One out of five beds in New York City's homeless shelter system is now occupied by a migrant, and the sudden influx has swelled its population to record levels. The city has opened 42 new, temporary shelters, mostly in hotels, but Adams said more would need to be done.

On Friday, he said that included city agencies coordinating to build more humanitarian centers; fast-tracking New Yorkers from shelters to permanent housing, which would clear space for new arrivals to the city; and putting together a process for New Yorkers who have extra room to house those in need. □



Workers erect a hangar-sized tent, Sept. 27, 2022, in the parking lot of Orchard Beach, in the Bronx borough of New York, as temporary shelter for thousands of international migrants who have been bused into the Big Apple.

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# UK, Ireland signal new hope of deal to end Brexit trade feud

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain and Ireland hailed a new spirit of compromise on Friday in a grinding feud over post-Brexit trade rules, expressing hope of making enough progress in the next three weeks to avoid a destabilizing new election in Northern Ireland.

It comes as new British Prime Minister Liz Truss seeks to improve relations with the U.K.'s neighbors after the country's long, acrimonious divorce from the European Union. U.K. Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris said Britain and the EU were negotiating "in good faith and good humor" a marked contrast from the bitter tone that has marred relations since the U.K. voted for Brexit in 2016.

Speaking to reporters in London after a meeting of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference, he said he was "very positive about the chances of getting a negotiated solution." Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said "political leadership is about making things happen and sometimes surprising people, and



From left, Minister of State for Northern Ireland Steve Baker, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Chris Heaton Harris, Irish Foreign Affairs Minister Simon Coveney and Minister for Justice Helen McEntee speak during the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference at Lancaster House in London, Friday Oct. 7, 2022.

I think that's what we need to do over the next few weeks." Arrangements for Northern Ireland the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU member, which is Ireland have been the most contentious issue so far in the U.K.-E.U. divorce, which became final at the end of 2020.

The two sides agreed to

keep the Irish border free of customs posts and other checks because an open border is a key pillar of the peace process that ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland. Instead, some goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K. undergo checks. That solution has spiraled into a political crisis

for the power-sharing government in Belfast, with British Unionist politicians refusing to form a government with Irish nationalists because they see the checks as undermining their British identity and Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom. Earlier this year, with talks to solve the problem gridlocked, Britain in-

troduced legislation to suspend the checks and rip up part of its legally binding Brexit treaty. The unilateral move brought legal action from the EU and the risk of an all-out trade war.

But Russia's invasion of Ukraine has put Brexit in perspective, brought European allies closer together and given the U.K. and the EU new motivation to heal their divide. U.K. and EU negotiators this week held their first talks in months.

Neither side has set a deadline, but one date looms: If the Northern Ireland executive is not up and running by Oct. 28, a new election must be held, bringing yet more uncertainty.

Coveney said the aim was to make enough progress before Oct. 28 to persuade North Ireland's unionists to rejoin the Belfast executive. "I don't think we can get everything agreed in the space of three weeks, that is completely unrealistic," he said. "But the question is can we make progress that is measurable and serious in that period where people can see we're on a course that the people can start believing in." □

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# 6 European nations agree to step up anti-drug cooperation

By ALEKSANDAR FURTULA

Associated Press

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Six European countries pledged Friday to beef up their cross-border cooperation and to work more closely

with Latin America in fighting organized crime, especially drug barons battling for control of the lucrative cocaine market.

The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy

and Spain made the commitment at a meeting of ministers and officials in Amsterdam, a city afflicted by drug-related violence in recent years.

Belgian Justice Minister Vincent Van Quickenborne knows first-hand the lengths that criminal gangs will go to safeguard their multibillion-euro (dollar) business. He was put under protection last month after four people suspected of taking part in a plot by alleged drug criminals to kidnap him were arrested in the Netherlands.

"I think we've entered in a new phase, a new phase called narco-terrorism, a phase where the narco-terrorists try to destabilize the society and get their grip on society," Van Quickenborne told The Associated Press. "And of course, we

will never allow our countries to become narco-states like you see them sometimes in Latin America."

Asked about the kidnap plot, he said: "this has been a very tough period for myself, especially for my family; my wife and my children"

In a closing statement, the countries pledged to strengthen ports and maritime security, clamp down on criminal business models, strengthen their use of technology in tackling organized crime and to improve international cooperation.

"Criminals do not know borders, so we have to work together," Van Quickenborne said after the meeting that was also attended by representatives from European Union police and

justice agencies Europol and Eurojust along with officials from the European Commission.

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, saw a series of underworld hits in recent years including the slaying of crime reporter Peter R. de Vries and a lawyer representing a witness in a gangland killings investigation.

The Netherlands and Belgium are home to the major ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp, two of Europe's main entry points for cocaine. More than 214 tons of the drug were seized in Europe in 2020, a 6% increase from the previous year, and experts from the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction believe that amount could reach 300 tons this year. □



Netherlands Justice Minister Dilan Yesilgoz-Zegerius arrives to deliver a statement in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, after ministers and delegations from six European nations met to discuss ways of stepping up the fight against organized crime that they warn is undermining society.

Associated Press



# Official: Haiti to seek foreign armed forces to quell chaos

**DÁNICA COTO**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Haiti's government has agreed to request the help of international armed forces as gangs and protesters paralyze the country and basic supplies including fuel and water dwindle, a top ranking Haitian official told The Associated Press on Friday.

The official, who was not authorized to speak about the issue publicly, said a formal request in writing has not yet been submitted.

It wasn't clear if the request would mean the activation of United Nations peace-keeping troops, whose mission ended five years ago after a troubled 11 years in Haiti. The petition comes after Luis Almagro, secretary general of the Organization of American States, held a meeting Thursday with officials including U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Haiti Foreign Affairs Minister Jean Victor Génés to talk about the country's worsening situation. Almagro tweeted late Thursday that Haiti "must request urgent assistance from the international community to help resolve security crises, determine the



**A protester carries a piece of wood simulating a weapon during a protest demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry, in the Petion-Ville area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Oct. 3, 2022.**

characteristics of an international security force."

Many Haitians have rejected the idea of another international intervention, noting that U.N. peacekeepers were accused of sexual assault and sparked a cholera epidemic more than a decade ago that killed nearly 10,000 people. "I don't think Haiti needs another intervention," said Mathias Pierre, Haiti's

former elections minister. "We have been through so many, and nothing has been solved... If we don't do it as Haitians, 10 years forward, we're going to be in the same situation again."

He called on the U.S. government to help reduce the amount of ammunition and guns flowing to Haiti, and to further equip police officers so they have more

weapons and the ability to run intelligence on gangs. He also worried about the situation that an international security force would encounter.

"It's not an army they're facing," he said. "They're facing gangs located in poor areas and using the population as shields to protect themselves." Haiti's National Police has struggled to control gangs

with its limited resources and chronic understaffing, with only some 12,800 active officers for a country of more than 11 million people. The gangs have only grown more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. As the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Henry agreed on the request for foreign armed forces, his office issued a statement asserting that he has not resigned, rejecting what it called fake reports circling on social media that prompted hundreds of Haitians across the country to celebrate in the streets late Thursday.

"It is purely and simply strategies of fabrications, intoxication, orchestrated by ill-intentioned individuals, aiming to sow more trouble and confusion," his office said.

Protesters and increasingly powerful gangs have helped plunge Haiti into an unprecedented level of chaos, with the country paralyzed for nearly a month after gangs surrounded a large fuel terminal in the capital of Port-au-Prince, refusing to budge until Henry steps down. □

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## Support for Venezuela's opposition is dwindling at OAS

**By MANUEL RUEDA**

**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** —

Venezuela's opposition suffered a rebuff Thursday as 19 members of the Organization of American States backed a proposal to remove its envoy from the regional forum for political and economic issues.

Although the proposal failed to get the two-thirds majority, or 24 votes, needed to be put on the agenda of the OAS General Assembly being held in Lima, Peru, it was a tough blow for opponents of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

More than half of the organization's 35 members voted for the resolution and

many others abstained, signaling a growing lack of support in the region for the faction of Venezuela's opposition led by Juan Guaidó. Only four states stood with the Guaidó envoy.

The resolution, drafted by the island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, would have stripped recognition of Gustavo Tarre as Venezuela's permanent representative at the OAS on the grounds that Guaidó is not a head of state.

"Guaidó's international support has decreased substantially," said Mariano de Alba, a Venezuela analyst at the International Crisis Group.

"The opposition is in dire

need of a new leadership that is able to coordinate discontent within the country and build leverage so the government has an interest in negotiating with them."

Guaidó, then head of Venezuela's National Assembly, challenged Maduro's claim to the presidency in 2019 following his victory in an election that was widely dismissed by international observers as fraudulent.

Guaidó formed an "interim government" that was recognized by the U.S. and dozens of other countries, but it had no control over other Venezuelan institutions and failed to weaken Maduro's socialist administration.



**U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken, second from the left, waves as he stands with the leaders and representatives of the countries of the Organisation of American States during a group photo during the 52nd OAS General Assembly in Lima, Peru, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

At the time, a majority of the OAS members voted to give Venezuela's seat to a representative picked by the National Assembly, which was then controlled by the opposition.

But support for Guaidó has dwindled as his efforts to

remove Maduro through protests, international sanctions, a military uprising and negotiations failed. . Some nations have recently decided that they can gain more from to re-establishing ties with the Maduro government. □



## Prime minister of Aruba participated in forum with female foreign relations ministers in the Americas

### *During OEAs General Assembly in Lima, Peru*

ORANJESTAD – During the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OEA) which took place this week in Lima, Peru, Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes, as prime minister of Aruba and as part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands had the opportunity to participate as speaker in the forum regarding female leadership in international politics in order to fight inequality and discrimination of women.

This was a high level dialogue with female ministers of foreign relations from the American continent.

Prime minister Wever-Croes commented that it is sad to know that inequality between men and women is increasing around the world, and our region is heavily affected by this inequality. There are very high indexes of inequality in our region that are negatively impacting the wellness of everyone. Alarming data regarding femicide y violence against



women is proof of a high index of inequality.

The Government of Aruba and the Kingdom of the Netherlands recognizes the urgency to double the efforts regarding gender equality. While gender inequality is getting worse worldwide, the violence against women and girls is increasing, and workers in the informal sector, who in their majority are women, are those who are more heavily affected economically.

According to data from CEPAL from 2020, 19 percent of youths between the ages of 15 to 25 in Latin America are neither studying nor working, and among women the percentage is 26%. The main reasons for this, in the case of women, are the work of homemaker, for which they are not paid.

According to the report "The Pandemic in the shadow of CEPAL", at least 4091 women were victims of femicide in 26 countries (17 countries in Latin

America and 9 Caribbean countries) in 2020. These data are very worrying, and for this reason, it is imperative to act now.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands joins itself to the group of pioneers that adopted a Feminist Policy of Foreign Relations. The basis is that there exists a direct relationship between gender equality, economic prosperity and national security. With a wider gender equality, the resources of society can be more balanced.

In the principle of Feminist Policy of Foreign Relations, gender equality needs to be central in every international agreement: in cooperation for development, international commerce, defense and diplomacy. Bigger and more elevated equality of rights results in more economic prosperity, more sustainable development and more international security for everyone. Everyone will benefit from gender equality, men and women.

It is important also to mention that a Feminist Policy of Foreign Relations can contribute also to a world that is fairer, where men and women can have the same rights and opportunities. In order to make this possible, it is necessary to promote treaties and agreements on the matter.

If we truly want to deal with the fundamental causes of inequality and poverty, it is crucial to apply a gender perspective in everything we do.□

## Department of Shipping Management together with the Kingdom Maritime Administration in preparations for IMSAS Audit

**ORANJESTAD – Aruba as an island is heavily dependent on the maritime sector for, among other things, a great portion of our visitors – cruise lines – as well as imports of food, raw materials and fuel. Countries that receive a lot of ships, like Aruba, need to take international law into consideration and ensure to always comply with these.**

If that is not the case, the country can find itself in serious trouble. Each country receiving ships needs to have a maritime administration, which in the case of Aruba is Directie Scheepvaart – the Department of Shipping Management. This department ensures that the country is complying with international law.

In 2020, countries in the Kingdom of the Netherlands made agreements to install a so-called Koninkrijks Maritieme Administratie (KMA), the Kingdom Maritime Administration. KMA's main task is to have collaboration among all maritime administration in order to help each other on the maritime sector. This ensures that the Kingdom of the Netherlands can successfully pass the IMSAS Audit by IMO London, which will take place in the beginning of 2023.

In the context of preparations for this audit, recently the Aruban minister of Transport, Mr. Ursell Arends received a visit from the KMA delegation from the

Netherlands, during which they discussed cooperation, existing concerns and the opportunities available for Aruba – and sister islands with the possibility of cooperation and the help of experts both

from the Netherlands and other countries within the Kingdom.

It is important to recognize the importance of our maritime sector, and

Directie Scheepvaart which is in charge of this. Directie Scheepvaart is working tirelessly and continuously to continue keeping Aruba in compliance with all international law.□





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As the saying goes: "Behind every successful man, is a strong woman". In the case of Ponson, this was no different. As General Store progressed and slowly became successful, Mrs. Irene Ponson, came in to assist her husband. Irene Ponson is a visionary, she knew exactly where and how to invest and within a short amount of time in 1970, General Store moved to a better location at the Steenweg. This allowed for a lot more merchandize, products and employees. Supply and demand was as such, that General Store became the number 1 electrical business. Business kept going so well that the location at the Steenweg became too small and was moved later to Dakota Shopping Paradise and later to Pedro Gallego Straat. With this move, an expansion was decided upon and an electronics store in Savaneta was opened. General Store still being very successful was ready for more growth.

Ricky, Kenneth, Corine and Frans are the fruits of this marriage. Kenneth and Frans however, decided to further develop their father's leg-

acy and continued with their mother's dream to expand the business. An expansion not in square feet only, but in merchandize as well. A great opportunity presented itself when the Ponson family was able to buy a piece of property across from the airport. In 2007 the Ponson family moved into their brand new and huge building. Ponson's General Store now had an electrical department, as housewares department, a paint department and a hardware department.

After a successful opening and expansion, Kenneth and Frans who inherited their mother's vision, decided that General Store was ready for yet another expansion. With the support of Mr. Tom Barfell and management of Do it Best in the States, the construction of Do it Center commenced.

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## To travel or enter Aruba with pets there are rules to abide by

Veterinaire Dienst Aruba, the authority in charge of pet or animal related topics, has informed that all pet owners that want to either travel with their pets or enter Aruba with their pets, need to abide by certain rules.

All animals need to have a valid health certificate for exportation or importation. To import or export any animal from Aruba or to Aruba, you have to abide by the rules as stated in the law of the destination country, the origin and transit country as well as protected animals.

Before you reserve a flight ticket, the pet owner must look for the correct information beforehand, in order to make sure you will be in compliance. To find information as pertains to Aruba, you can send an



e-mail to [vetservice@dvg.aw](mailto:vetservice@dvg.aw). The moment you want to travel to a country, you must find information from the veterinary service of the country you want to

travel to.

The importation of domestic animals from Latin America and Central America including Mexico,

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The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize the Goodwill Ambassador Certification of Aruba to honoree. The honoree was presented with the Goodwill Ambassador Certificate as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more than 20 years consecutively.

**Honorees was:**  
**Oreste Carlos Frontaloni**  
residents of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ms. Olga Ruiz & Ms. Kim-

berly Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of the Costa Linda Beach Resort Aruba bestowed the certification of the Ambassador and presented the Ambassador with gifts, and thanked the honoree on behalf of the Government of Aruba for choosing Aruba as his favorite vacation destination for so many years. The Honoree can now call Aruba their home away from home.

**Top reason for returning to Aruba, provided by the**

## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Costa Linda Beach Resort Aruba



**honoree were:**  
The best island on the Caribbean  
The people who provide

services are the best!  
The service in Aruba is extraordinary  
The weather is the best in

the Caribbean  
Costa Linda is the best Resort ☐

## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently recognized the Distinguished Ambassadors of Aruba by presenting the

Ambassadors with the Distinguished certificate as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more

than 10 years consecutively.



**Honorees were:**  
**Antonio S.R Santos & Gianine L. de Sousa**  
residents of Sao Paulo, Brazil

During the ceremony Ms. Olga Ruiz & Ms. Kimberly Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A), and members of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors, and presented the Ambassadors with gifts, and thanked them on behalf of the Government of

Aruba for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination for so many years. Aruba can now be considered by the Honorees, their Home Away from Home!

**Top reason for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:**  
Sun & beaches  
Local friends  
Happiness  
Casinos  
Receptivity ☐



## Soroptimist International Club Aruba: A club to empower women



**ORANJESTAD – During a press conference, Soroptimist International Club of Aruba informed about the inauguration of their club, which will take place today during an event where people can join to find out more about them.**

Noria Eleonora, president of the club, said that today, Saturday, the event is about the "indispensable reality in the lives of women around the world". This is a social network of professional and business women, and their official events to start the club in Aruba began from the 6th of October and culminate today, 8th of October. Various members from other countries are invited, including from Curaçao, Suriname, Poland, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany. Leonora pointed out that this international club of women is to support women and girls around the world.

"Today we have our sisters close to come help and support us in installing this international club. It is being organized in five federations, from Africa, Pacific, Europe, United States, England and Ireland, and we fall under the union of the

Netherlands, which consists of 101 clubs with Aruba becoming the 102nd club", she said.

Today the inauguration begins at 10am at the Renaissance Convention Center. The cost of entry is \$50, and those interested in attending can WhatsApp (+297) 661-2391.

"In Aruba we see the power of joining together with all these other service clubs to begin working together with other women around

the world, and naturally our women and girls in Aruba", she commented.

She added that they are receiving international support for their projects. One of these projects is for young doctors working at the hospital. It was noted that women who don't have legal documents in Aruba and are pregnant, for example, have fear of deportation and for this reason skip regular check-ups that are necessary dur-

ing pregnancy. This sometimes results in still birth by the time they arrive at the hospital.

"They approached us and this is going to be the first project that we are executing here in Aruba. Together with other service clubs, like the Foundation Against Relational Violence (FCVR) with their project Orange the World, we are working on creating awareness among our people that violence needs to stop", she said.

Soroptimist is a global movement of volunteers working together to transform the lives of women and girls around the world. The network has around 72,000 members from 121 countries working at the local and global levels to empower and habilitate opportunities for women and girls.

Their vision is for women and girls achieve their individual and collective potential, for them to realize their aspirations and have their own voice in creating strong and peaceful communities all around the world.

Their mission is to transform the life of women and girls through education, empowerment and habilitation of opportunities.

Their principle is that they put in the effort for the advancement of the conditions of women with a high level of ethics, human rights for all, equality, development and peace, advancement of understanding, goodwill and international peace.

Some of their members are mentors creating leadership in their clubs, and as Anna Wszelaszynska, ex-president for Europe commented during the press conference, they hope that the club can do all this as an NGO and service organization. "We have a seat at the United Nations and we are also members of the United Nations Economic and Social Council", she said.

She also invited the community of Aruba to visit the website [www.soroptimisteurope.org](http://www.soroptimisteurope.org) where they will find more information on their activities and annual reports.

Vanessa Hollander, member of Soroptimist International Club of Aruba made an invitation for today, where the community can find more information regarding the opening of the Soroptimist Club of Aruba and there will also be an opportunity to sit and chat with them. □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE BEST WAY TO PURSUE HAPPINESS IS TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE. NOTHING ELSE WILL MAKE YOU HAPPIER. — GEORGE LUCAS

# Millennial Money: You nixed your homebuying plan. What now?

By SARA RATHNER of Nerd-Wallet

Millennials are in peak nesting mode. We want the outdoor space many apartments lack, or the room to grow that a starter house doesn't offer. There's just a not-so-small problem. (Gestures broadly at everything.)

The median existing home sales price of U.S. homes was \$389,500 in August, according to the National Association of Realtors. That's a 7.7% increase from August 2021. The average interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages topped 6% as of Sept. 15 this year, according to Freddie Mac. Compare that with an average rate of 2.86% just one year prior that's a 110% increase.

It can be hard to compete when an open house feels like a cage match. It's enough to make anyone retreat to a rental for a while. "We're seeing that those who were thinking of buying a home just aren't interested anymore," says Natalie Slagle, a certified financial planner and founding partner of Rochester, Minnesota-based Fyooz Financial Planning. "People aren't as willing to make big financial moves when it feels like there's uncertainty."

Though you may feel stuck right now, you don't have to be forever. Here's what to do in the meantime.

## REEVALUATE YOUR CURRENT SITUATION

In slowing down your house hunt, you've given yourself the gift of extra time. You can reassess what's realistic for you. Over the next year or so, your life may change a lot, meaning your list of must-haves for a home might need a few edits.

When Jason Fletcher was looking to buy his first home in Orange County, California, in 2019, he was single. At the time, he didn't find The One, real estate-wise, but it wasn't long before he met his now-wife. They're



An advertising sign for building land stands in front of a new home construction site in Northbrook, Ill., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022.

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currently expecting their second child and still hoping to swap their rental for a home they own, one quite different from what Fletcher searched for three years ago.

However, their search is coming up short. "I'd say right now, at least in our area, we have not seen inventory increase a whole lot," he says. "That indicates to me that people are comfortable with the interest rates they have and they aren't selling."

Amanda Astey moved to San Francisco with her husband seven years ago. They considered buying a home after living in the city for two years, but backed out after they were unable to find anything in their price range at the time. Now, they've advanced in their careers and are open to resuming the search. "Even with that, we've been pretty discouraged," she says.

They're open to living farther from the city and even to leaving the state in search of more space for the money. "We've had a huge exodus of friends to Portland. A whole bunch of friends have gone to Denver," she says. "It's seeming more and more likely that another city would be our best option."

## BECOME AN EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE BUYER

If your budget and mortgage preapproval were

so-so this time around, take the next few months to beef up your finances so you're in a stronger position later on.

One place to start is with discretionary spending. If you can cut back, and possibly increase your income with a promotion, job or freelance work, you can add to your savings and be prepared to make a larger down payment. You may also be able to increase your overall budget for a home.

Fletcher and his wife cut back on buying new clothes and are keeping their paid-off cars longer to avoid car loans. "At this point, we're trying to make more money and get promotions," he says.

Paying down existing debts can help, too, as that will lower your debt-to-income ratio.

A higher credit score can help you qualify for better mortgage terms, hopefully ensuring you can get as low an interest rate as possible. If you already have excellent credit, keep it there by paying your bills on time every month. Late payments can ding your credit, and you've already worked hard to get where you are. If your credit score is lower, on-time payments can still help you, as can limiting what other loans or credit cards you apply for in the months before you apply for a mortgage. □



## Coast Guard Academy settles suit over cadets-with-kids ban

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)

— A U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadet who was expelled for becoming a father will get his degree as part of a legal settlement, his attorneys said Thursday. Isak Olson sued the academy in December after years of endeavoring to be reinstated as a cadet. He was two months from graduating, with a degree in mechanical engineering and a commission as an officer, when he disclosed in 2014 that his fiancée had given birth to their first child, according to the lawsuit.

"No one should ever have to choose between the honor of being a Coast Guard cadet and the honor of being a parent," Olson said Thursday in a statement released by his lawyers. He said he was "thankful the academy has reached a settlement that recognizes my right to both."

The Coast Guard Academy confirmed the settlement but didn't give details.

Olson was expelled under an academy regulation that barred cadets from having "any maternal or paternal obligation or responsibility," according to the lawsuit. Olson's lawyers said the policy still stands.

Olson learned of his fiancée's pregnancy in April of his junior year, and the baby was born in August 2013, according to the lawsuit. It said he was never asked about dependents until he got a duty screening application in March 2014 and disclosed the child's birth.

The couple had Olson's parental rights terminated in hopes of enabling him to graduate, and he later went through a long administrative process to try to get his status restored, to no avail, according to his lawyers at the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Connecticut, and Yale Law School's Veterans Legal



The new hats and shoulder bars for the graduates sit on a table before the start of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's 141st Commencement Exercises, May 18, 2022, in New London, Conn.

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Services Clinic.

Along the way, Olson enlisted in the Coast Guard, and the couple married and had another child, the attorneys said. He is now an aviation maintenance technician, stationed in Alaska.

The lawsuit sought his commission and back pay, since he makes less than he would as an officer. The ACLU said there is no financial component to the settlement, but it does include a statement that will allow him to apply to be com-

missioned as an officer.

"Becoming a parent shouldn't be seen as a hardship," Olson said in his statement. "I look forward to the day that cadets are given the same rights as the rest of the service."

The federal law that funded and authorized the Defense Department for the 2022 fiscal year gives the military until the end of December to craft "regulations that include the option to preserve parental guardianship rights" for cadets or midshipmen who

become pregnant or father children while at one of the department's service academies.

The law applies to the U.S. Military Academy, the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy but not to the Coast Guard Academy, which is run by the Department of Homeland Security. □



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## On Football: NFL teams aren't doomed with losing Octobers



Denver Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson (3) looks to pass against the Indianapolis Colts during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, in Denver.

Associated Press

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**DENVER (AP)** — A losing record in October doesn't mean playoff hopes are lost. Last year, the Patriots, Steelers and Eagles rebounded from a 1-3 start to earn a postseason berth. The Chiefs and 49ers both opened 2-3 and still reached their conference championship games.

Entering Week 5, nine teams had losing records, including three 2021 playoff teams.

Odds are at least one of those nine teams will bounce back and get to the postseason.

The Indianapolis Colts took a first step, rallying to beat Denver in overtime Thursday night to even their record at 2-2-1. The AFC South is among four divisions with no club with a winning record.

"We're not happy about 2-2-1, but we're right there," Colts coach Frank Reich said. "That's what we've been saying. It's a better start than some of the other years that we've had here. We've got to get better. ... There's a closeness to this team that I think is going to work well for us as we continue to go. We just need to continue to find ways to get better."

The Colts started 1-5 in Reich's first season as their coach in 2018. They ended up 10-6 and advanced to

the divisional round of the playoffs. That was with Andrew Luck as their quarterback. They opened 1-4 last year with Carson Wentz and finished 9-8, missing the playoffs by one game. Matt Ryan has struggled through the first five games with seven interceptions and 11 fumbles but he was clutch in the final two drives against Denver.

"I'm not going to flinch in those situations," Ryan said. "I'm not going to get uptight. There is no reason to. You just keep on playing and you find a way. I have believed in that way throughout my career."

Russell Wilson and the Broncos (2-3) have a long way to go to compete in the tough AFC West. They missed an opportunity to close out a win over the Colts when Wilson threw a pick late in the fourth quarter. Wilson then didn't see an open receiver on a fourth-down pass in overtime that could've been a winning touchdown but instead fell incomplete.

"I guess I let us down," Wilson said. "I know I'm a winner. I know that I'm a battler. I know that I'm going to keep going, keep believing. There's so much season left. There's so much opportunity left. I believe in these guys every day, and I know they believe in me, too. We believe in each other."

Teams with losing records

going into the weekend: Raiders (1-3): After winning 10 games and reaching the playoffs last season, the Raiders started 0-3 under new coach Josh McDaniels. They beat Denver for their first win but now face the Chiefs (3-1) on Monday night. Steelers (1-3): The Steelers did it last year with Ben Roethlisberger, overcoming a 1-3 start to make the playoffs. Now, it's on rookie QB Kenny Pickett. Patriots (1-3): Like Pittsburgh last year, the Patriots also made the playoffs after opening 1-3. With a banged-up Mac Jones, it'll be tougher to do the same this season.

Saints (1-3): The Saints have to stop turning the ball over, and they need Jameis Winston, Alvin Kamara and Michael Thomas healthy. Commanders (1-3): A comeback win led by Wentz in Week 1 gave Washington reason for excitement. Three straight losses have exposed the team's weaknesses.

Panthers (1-3): Baker Mayfield isn't doing anything to prove the Browns were wrong to dump him. Lions (1-3): Jared Goff has led the league's highest-scoring offense. But the problem is the defense is giving up even more points. Texans (0-3-1): The Texans have had chances to win games but make too many mistakes and can't finish.

Teams with losing records

## England women beat U.S. 2-1 in statement victory at Wembley



England's Georgia Stanway shoots to score from the penalty spot during the women's friendly soccer match between England and the US at Wembley stadium in London, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

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**LONDON (AP)** — Ten weeks after conquering Europe, England women proclaimed themselves ready for even more after beating the world champion United States 2-1 in a friendly at Wembley Stadium on Friday. Lauren Hemp and Georgia Stanway scored to help England beat the U.S. for the first time since 2017 and less than 10 months before the Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

Stanway's penalty in the 33rd minute put the hosts in front for good before 76,893 fans. Victory extended England's unbeaten run to 23 games under coach Sarina Wiegman.

England took the lead in the 10th when Beth Mead sent a low cross into the box. U.S. defender Alana Cook tried to make a sliding block but the ball wiggled through to Hemp, who finished from close range.

The Americans equalized just before the half-hour mark. Millie Bright tried to pass out of the back to a tightly covered Stanway, and Lindsey Horan poked the ball forward to Sophia Smith, who turned and fired low to the left corner past a diving Mary Earps. Stanway made amends from the spot, though, shooting the ball into the right corner as goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher went the wrong way.

Minutes later, the visitors thought they tied the game again but Trinity Rodman's strike was ruled out for offside.

England and the U.S. wore teal armbands in solidarity with sexual abuse victims and together held a banner that read "Protect the Players" just before kickoff. A report this week into the scandals that erupted in the National Women's Soccer League last season found emotional abuse and sexual misconduct were systemic in the league.

There was also a moment of silence for the victims of the deadly crush of fans at a soccer match in Indonesia.

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and wide receiver Allen Lazard were among the stars in attendance. The Packers play the New York Giants on Sunday in an NFL game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. "Ted Lasso" actor Jason Sudeikis was also on hand.

U.S. wing Crystal Dunn went on as a second-half substitute — less than five months after giving birth to her son. It was her 124th international appearance and first in nearly 13 months.

The draw for the World Cup will be in Auckland on Oct. 22. □



# Guardians take WC opener as Ramírez homers, Bieber dominates

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — The Guardians were certain of two things: José Ramírez would deliver, and Amed Rosario touched second base.

Cleveland's kids were right. Ramírez connected for a two-run homer, Shane Bieber dominated Tampa Bay for 7 2/3 innings and the young Guardians played with poise in their postseason debut, beating the Rays 2-1 in the wild-card opener on Friday.

Ramírez's shot off Tampa's Shane McCannahan in the sixth inning the Rays initially appealed whether Rosario stepped on second helped Cleveland end an eight-game postseason losing streak and left baseball's youngest team one win from advancing in its first season as the Guardians.

Though short on experience, the Guardians seem to have everything else.

"At this point we're dealing with what we got in that clubhouse," Bieber said, brushing off the team's youth. "And that's a winning ballclub."

Bieber, rocked in his only other playoff appearance two years ago by the Yankees, was spectacular, allowing just three hits and striking out eight before being lifted the eighth to a thunderous ovation.



**Cleveland Guardians' Jose Ramirez runs the bases after a two-run home run in the sixth inning of a wild card baseball playoff game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, in Cleveland.**  
Associated Press

Emmanuel Clase took it from there, getting four outs for his first postseason save and finishing a game that took just 2 hours, 17 minutes — the fastest in the postseason since 1999 and Cleveland's quickest since its World Series-clinching win in 1948.

Jose Siri homered for the Rays, who dropped their sixth straight game overall and turn to starter Tyler Glasnow in Game 2 on Saturday to keep their season alive. The series winner plays the AL East champion New York in the Division Series starting Tuesday in the Bronx.

With 17 players making

MLB debuts this season, the Guardians entered the playoffs unsure of what to expect. Fortunately, Ramírez and Bieber had been here before, and both came through for the AL Central champions.

With Cleveland down 1-0 and running out of outs, Ramírez delivered as usual. "Nothing surprises me," Rosario said of his teammate, who is batting .455 with homer and six RBIs in his last three playoff games. "For me, he's the best player in baseball."

Rosario singled with one out and Ramírez, a four-time All-Star who finished second to Aaron Judge in

RBIs in the AL this season, drove a 1-1 changeup over the wall for just his second postseason homer in 97 at-bats.

However, as the red-towel waving fans in Progressive Field screamed, Rays manager Kevin Cash appealed whether Rosario missed second. TV replays showed him slowing and touching the bag, but that didn't give Guardians manager Terry Francona any comfort as the Rays proceeded to challenge.

"When they start huddling like that, you start to get a little nervous," he said. Cash couldn't tell whether Rosario missed the bag.

"It was kind of grainy," he said. "But it certainly looked like there was reason to take a look at it and let's see what New York had to say."

While the umpires waited for an official ruling, the crowd spontaneously sang "Jose ... Jose ... Jose," like never before, prompting Ramírez to pop out for a curtain call. The home run stood and Cleveland had a slim lead it protected.

McCannahan has given up just two homers all season on changeups.

"Shane's pitch," Cash lamented. McCannahan knew he made a mistake.

Tampa Bay didn't get its first hit of Bieber until the fifth, when Harold Ramírez bounced a single into center. But Bieber buckled down and got two outs before striking out Christian Bethancourt, the right-hander's third punch-out to end an inning.

When Francona pulled him in the eighth, Bieber left to roars and showed his appreciation by clapping into his glove.

"To hear that, to feed off that energy," Bieber said of Cleveland's crowd. "It seemed like every time there were two strikes they were willing a strikeout. And that felt great. Kind of helps me personally elevate my game. I don't suspect I'm the only one on our team that feels that." □

## Twitter to offer live look-ins throughout the MLB postseason

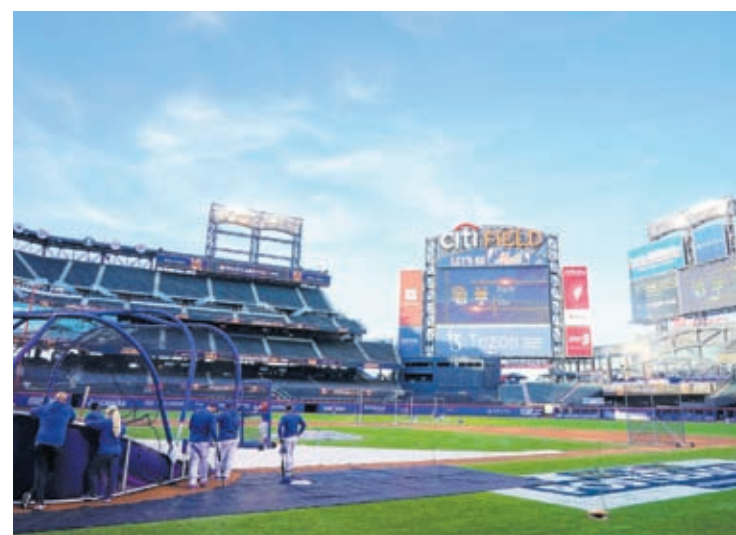
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Twitter will offer live broadcast look-ins throughout Major League Baseball's postseason for the first time.

ESPN, Fox and other broadcasters of playoff games will be able to show the look-ins on their social media accounts, and live action will also be shown on MLB's official account. There isn't a limit on how long each look-in can last. Twitter will be the only social media platform to officially stream live look-ins during the postseason, which begins Friday with four wild-card round games.

Sarah Rosen, Twitter's Head of North American Content Partnerships, said the company has been focused on bringing more live, short-form video content to the platform. Fox's college football coverage used Twitter last year to show a specific camera angle, while look-ins have previously been used for the PGA Tour and NBC's coverage of the Olympics, among others.

Twitter said 18% of people globally who tweeted about baseball this season did not tweet about it last year. Also, 28% of the MLB

conversation was generated by fans outside the U.S. The New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers and Boston Red Sox were the most mentioned team handles. Aaron Judge, who set the AL home run record with 62, was the most mentioned player handle (@TheJudge44) followed by San Diego pitcher Yu Darvish (@faridyu), Los Angeles Angels slugger Mike Trout (@miketrou) and St. Louis' Albert Pujols (@pujolsfive), who became the fourth player to reach 700 career home runs. □



**The New York Mets take part in batting practice the day before a wild-card baseball playoff game against the San Diego Padres, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, in New York.**  
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